(c) whether Government have since contemplated any measure to book the persons engaged in such activities; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what other steps Government proposed to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Correspondence with MPs. by SBI Central Office at Bombay

1973. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Office at Bombay of the State Bank of India, does not send reply to the Members of Parliament properly; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the number of letters received by the Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director from the Hon'ble Members of Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha during last year and the current year so far; and

(c) what is the number of letter replied to and how many letters are pending for their reply and what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a) to (c) State Bank of India has reported that the number of letters received by its Managing Director, Dy. Managing Directors from the Members of Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha and those pending out of them during the year 1991 and in the year 1992 so far is as follows:-—

	1991	1992
No. of letters received	126	18
Letter pending	4	11

It has been further reported that all letters received by the concerned Departments in the Central Office of the Bank from Members of Parliament are responded to properly and promptly and delay, wherever occurs, is due to the time taken in obtaining the information from far flung branches by the Local Head Offices of the bank.

Hydel Power Generation in Himachal Pradesh

1974. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh has a potential for generation of 20,000 MW hydro power but the present rate of generation of power in the state is only 272 MW;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to fill up the gap through participation in private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) As per Hydro-electric Potential Reassessment Studies carried out by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the hydro-electric potential of Himachal Pradesh has been assessed as 11,647 MW at 60% load factor. At present hydro-electric schemes with a total installation of 3112 MW are in operation in the state, out of which 27l.77 MW is owned by Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board.

Nine hydro-electric schemes with a capacity of 2285.5 MW are presently under various stages of construction in the state. Four hydro-electric projects with a capacity of 1470 MW have been accorded techno-economic approval by the CEA.

(c) The Govt. of Himachal Pradesh have offered nine hydro-electric schemes in the state with a total capacity of 1304.5 MW for execution in the private sector. The State Government has already signed Memorandum of Understanding with Private Companies in respect of three projects, i.e. Baspa-II (300 MW), Ual-III (70 MW) and Ghanvi (22.50 MW).